

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuki SATO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3729

Application No.: 09/809,278

Examiner:

A. Tugbang

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MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT SUBSTRUCTURE, MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT AND MICRO DEVICE, AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURING SAME

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 13, 2004, 2003 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.